

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION to congratulate the Purdue Men's Basketball team on their first Big Ten Championship and overall successful season.

ALTING

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION to congratulate the Purdue Men's Basketball team on their first Big Ten Championship and overall successful season.

Whereas, In a state with a love for basketball, the Purdue Boilermakers are carrying on a rich Hoosier tradition. Purdue men's basketball holds the record for the most Big Ten regular season conference championships, and is the only Big Ten school to boast a winning record against every other basketball program in the conference;

Whereas, Despite being identified early on as the pre-season conference favorites, the Purdue men were plagued with injuries and illnesses throughout the season. Rallying together, they fought through adversity to finish tied for second in the final regular season standings;

Whereas, In the Big Ten Championship game against the Ohio State Buckeyes, Purdue secured a sixty-five to sixty-one victory, bringing home the team's first tournament championship;



Whereas, Finishing the season with a record of twenty-seven and ten, the Boilers earned a number five seed NCAA tournament bid. Carrying momentum from their Big Ten victory, the men's team advanced to the Sweet Sixteen for the first time since 2000;

Whereas, Sophomore Robbie Hummel was voted the pre-season Big Ten Player of the Year. During the season, he suffered a serious back injury, limiting his play but never diminishing his spirit. Robbie's desire and determination to succeed helped him fight back and resulted in him being named the Big Ten Tournament Most Outstanding Player;

Whereas, Matt Painter, a former Purdue player and now coach, has directed the men's team to twenty-two, twenty-five, and twenty-seven victories during his three most recent seasons. For his dedication and commitment to excellence, he was named the 2008 Big Ten Coach of the Year; and

Whereas, Coach Matt and his team exemplify the spirit, determination, and "never say die" attitude that personifies Boilermakers everywhere. Boiler Up!: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate hereby congratulates the
2 Purdue Boilermaker Men's basketball team for their successful 2008-
3 2009 season.

4 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
5 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Coach Matt Painter, the Purdue
6 Men's basketball team, and the Purdue Athletic Department.

